The posts of Field Publicity Officers of Field Publicity Units at Chandel, Imphal and Senapati are vacant.

(b) The posts are vacant due to non-availability of suitable officers and the posts have now been circulated to be filled up on deputation basis.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Each Field Publicity Unit, in addition to Field Publicity Officers, has the following staff strength and infrastructure—

S. No.	Name of Post	Number of Post
(1)	Field Publicity Assistant	One
(2)	Lower Division Clerk	One
(3)	Driver	One
(4)	Peon	One
(5)	Chowkidar	One

Each Unit is also equipped with infrastructure like Audio-visual equipment for screening of films, jeep and requisite software for publicity programmes.

Recasting of Broadcasting Bill

578. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of recasting the Broadcasting Bill prepared by the United Front Government in 1997;

(b) if so, what are the salient points of the proposed Bill; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been laid down so that the present uncertain position is cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Government intends to formulate a new Broadcasting Bill for introduction in the Parliament at the earliest, details of which are yet to be finalized.

(c) No-time frame can be indicated as yet.

Live Telecast of Haj

579. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons as to why Doordarshan do not telecast the Annual Haj live, as this is a congregation of more than 30 lakh Muslims all over the world and nearly one lakh Muslims from India participate;

(b) whether Doordarshan will consider telecasting the 'Haj 2000' live as most of the countries of the world telecast the Haj live; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Programme Matters of Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati. Prasar Bharati have intimated that Doordarshan have not received any such requests for live coverage of the event as per their records. They have also intimated that if such a request is received, the same would be considered, vis-a-vis, the programme exigencies, costs involvement, technical feasibility and other such factors.

(c) Does not arise.

Liquor Advertisements on TV and Radio

580. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether liquor advertisements are shown/announced on T.V. and Radio;

(b) if so, its impact on public mind; and